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### Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 12/8/03 has been entered.

## Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-2 and 4-5 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sakai et al, Japan Patent 60112562 A.

Sakai '562 shows winding the web around a core at a low tension, then progressively increasing the tension of the web at a predetermined rate until reaching a high tension, and thereafter winding the web under a tension which is being reduced from the high tension until the web is in a completely wound state, as clearly shown in figure 3.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 3 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakai et al, Japan Patent 60112562 A.

With respect to claims 3 and 6, Sakai '562 sets the low tension approximately 70% of basic tension during initial winding. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to set the low tension up to 15% of the length to which the web is to be wound, since it has been held that discovering an optimum value of a result effective variable involves only routine skill in the art. In re Boesch, 617 F.2d 272, 205 USPQ 215 (CCPA 1980).

Claims 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakai et al, Japan Patent 60112562 A, in view of Kataoka, U.S. Patent No. 4238084.

Sakai '562 is silent on particular structures, such as, winding tension storing means, torque converting means, and core rotational control means.

Kataoka shows winding tension storing means (11) for storing a winding tension corresponding to the length to which the web is wound around the core; torque converting means (12) for reading said winding tension from said winding tension storing means (11) and converting the read winding tension into a winding torque; and

core rotation control means (9) for controlling rotation of the core according to said winding torque.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to explain the particular structures of Sakai by showing winding tension storing means, torque converting means, and core rotational control means, as taught by Katatoka, to show and explain how to control the tension in winding apparatus.

With respect to claims 10 and 12, Sakai or Kataoka does not show a plurality of webs. Kataoka shows only the side view and cannot determine if there are a plurality of webs used or not.

It would be obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the apparatus capable of having more than one web in order to speed up the process of winding.

## Response to Arguments

Claims 7-8 and 13-17 are withdrawn.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-6 and 9-12 have been considered but are most in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

#### Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sang Kim whose telephone number is (703) 305-3712. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. alternating Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kathy Matecki can be reached on (703) 308-2688. The fax phone numbers are (703) 872-9326 for regular communications and (703) 872-9327 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.

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